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REMARKS

DRAWINGS:

The Examiner has objected to the Drawings because of certain informalities. Accordingly, substitute sheets have been provided with the Amendment in order to correct the informalities as to Figures 3 and 4.

SPECIFICATION:

The Examiner has objected to the Specification because of certain informalities. The Applicant has amended the Specification in order to overcome these informalities as set forth by the Examiner.

CLAIMS:

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10-13 and 20 would be allowable if re-written to put them in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claim 10 to make it independent and has cancelled claim 9. Claims 11-13 and 20 which depend from allowable, amended claim 10 are, therefore, now also allowable.

Objections:

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 2 because of certain informalities. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to correct these informalities.

Rejections:

35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the

applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 has been cancelled and the elements of claim 1 incorporated into claim 2, making claim 2 independent. Furthermore, claim 2 has been amended to overcome the 112 rejections cited against claim 1. Claims 2-8 have also been amended to depend from claim 2 and to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

25 U.S.C. 102 and 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 9 and 17-19 as being anticipated by Carey et al. (US 2003/0206382 A1), and has rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. as being unpatentable over Carey et al. (US 2003/0206382 A1). The Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 9 rendering the rejections as to these claims moot. In addition, claims 17-19 have been amended to depend from allowable, amended claim 10. Since claims 17-19 now depend from an allowable claim, they too are now allowable over the prior art.

All of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been addressed, and the remaining claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the present Application. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ920040033US1).

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